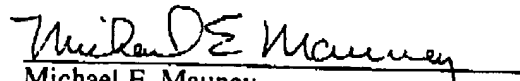


Conclusion

The Applicant requests that the Patent Office enter the claims that appear above. Thank you very much for your immediate attention of this. If you have any questions, please call me immediately.

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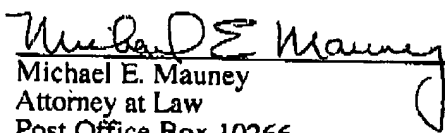
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